कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): सर, इसके बारे में समय-समय पर कई रूलिंग्स आई हैं ...(व्यवधान)... रूलिंग 158 और 297 में है कि ...(व्यवधान)... यदि कोई बात आरोप के रूप में कही जाए तो ...(व्यवधान)... इसके बारे में सम्बन्धित मंत्री को पहले सूचित किया जाना अनिवार्य है ...(व्यवधान)... इस सम्बन्ध में जो भी नोटिस मिले, उस नोटिस की एक कापी सम्बन्धित मंत्री को भेजना अनिवार्य है ...(व्यवधान)... इस सम्बन्ध में Presiding Officer ने समय-समय पर जो रूलिंग्स दी हैं ...(व्यवधान)... रूलिंग 297 बहुत स्पष्ट है, सर ...(व्यवधान)... Sir, on page no. 917 of Kaul and Shakdher's Practice and Procedure of Parliament ...(*Interruptions*)... No allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature can be made by a member against any person ...(*Interruptions*)... previous intimation to the Speaker and taken his permission and has also informed the Minister concerned, ...(*Interruptions*)... So, Sir, if the concerned Minister has not been informed, they should not be allowed. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, please take your seats. I will not allow. Please take your seats. (*Interruptions*) Please go to your seats. ...(*Interruptions*)... सदन की कार्यवाही 12.00 बजे तक स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at eight minutes past eleven of the clock till twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock, MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture loans disbursed by Public Sector Banks

†*221. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1,60,479.4 crore was disbursed as loan by Public Sector Banks in the rural areas of the country by the end of March, 2005;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if not, what is the actual amount;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this amount is only 15 per cent of the total loan given by the Banks;

(d) if not, the details in this regard; and

(e) the directions of the Reserve Bank of India regarding the percentage of agricultural loan to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The total agriculture credit disbursed in 2004-05 by Scheduled Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks was Rs. 1,25,309 crore, which represents a growth of 33% over the disbursement of Rs. 86,981 crores in 2003-04. Out of this flow of agriculture credit, the public sector banks disbursed Rs. 65,218 crores in 2004-05 as against Rs. 42,210 crores in 2003-04, thereby registering a growth of 54.51%.

(c) to (e) As per instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India on priority sector lending, all Scheduled Commercial Banks, excluding foreign Banks, have to ensure a minimum of 18% of their Net Bank Credit to agriculture sector. The total outstanding agricultural advances (provisional data) of public sector Banks as on the last reporting Friday of March 2005 is Rs. 1,12,474.95 crores which is 15.65% of Net Bank Credit.

Revision in fuel prices on monthly basis

*222. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering revision of fuel price in each month;

(b) the break-up of basic price and tax on per litre of petrol and diesel as on 30th June, 2006; and

(c) the details of the other countries which have so far revised the petrol and diesel price upwardly in recent past?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) The international oil prices continue to be at a very high level now. The current situation is unprecedented and therefore Government have approved a number of measures based on the principle